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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF A JAN 9 ARTICLE FROM THE TURKISH
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DAILY NEWS REPORTING ECEVIT PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING
HIS MEETING WITH UNSYG WALDHEIM. ARTICLE WAS GIVEN TO US
BY ACTING UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE GORGE WHO DESCRIBED IT AS
AN ACCURATE REPORT OF ALMOST ALL POINTS COVERED IN
WALDHEIM/ECEVIT CONVERSATION.

BEGIN TEXT. ANKARA, JAN 9 (DN)--THE TURKISH SIDE

SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO COME FORWARD WITH PROPOSALS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL CYPRUS PEACE TALKS, TURKISH PREMIER BULENT ECEVIT SAID MONDAY.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE END OF OFFICIAL TALKS WITH KURT WALDHEIM, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, ECEVIT INDICATED THAT THESE PROPOSALS WOULD BE OVER THE TERRITORIAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

"IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY BELIEF THAT IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR THE TURKISH SIDE TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN CONNECTION WITH GEOGRAPHICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL SOLUTIONS TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM," ECEVIT SAID.

ECEVIT SAID HE INFORMED UN SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM THAT TURKEY IS READY TO ASSIST THE TWO ETHNIC COMMUNITIES IN CYPRUS TO RECONVENE THE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS FOR A SOLUTION RESPECTFUL TO THE RIGHTS OF BOTH, GUARANTEEING THE CYPRIOT TURKS AND GREEKS TO LIVE FREELY IN SECURITY SIDE BY SIDE, IN PEACE AND COMFORT, ENSURING THEIR DEVELOPMENT.

HE SAID A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM MUST BE SOUGHT WHILE THE FACT IS KEPT IN VIEW THAT THERE EXIST TWO UNCLASSIFIED

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SEPARATE, AUTONOMOUS COMMUNITIES AND ADMINISTRATIONS ON THE ISLAND AS AGREED TO DURING THE FIRST GENEVA AGREEMENT OF 1974 BY THE GREEK CYPRIOTS, GREECE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

"MOST IMPORTANT, THE SOLUTION MUST RELY ON THE PRINCIPLES OF A BI-COMMUNAL, BI-ZONAL, INDEPENDENT AND NON-ALLIGNED STATE OF CYPRUS," ECEVIT SAID.

ECEVIT BEGAN HIS PRESS STATEMENT EXPRESSING THE HAPPINESS THEY FELT FOR RECEIVING WALDHEIM AS THE FIRST OFFICIAL VISITOR OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT. HE SAID THE TOPICS DISCUSSED WERE PRINCIPAL PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD IN GENERAL, THE CYPRUS QUESTION AND THE CONFLICTS BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE.

THE PM SAID THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UN FACES MANY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS AND HAS NOT THE OPPORTUNITY NOR TIME TO DEAL WITH ALL OF THEM PERSONALLY.

"MR. WALDHEIM'S SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE CYPRUS AFFAIR REVEALS THE SIGNIFICANCE HE ATTRIBUTES TO THAT QUESTION.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THEREFORE TO EXTRACT FAVORABLE RESULTS FROM THAT INTEREST, NOT ONLY FOR HIS PERSONAL PRESTIGE BUT FOR THE PRESTIGE OF THE UN AS WELL. WE INFORMED HIM THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT REGARDS IT A DUTY TO ASSIST HIM IN HIS BONA FIDE EFFORTS", ECEVIT SIAD.

THE PM SAID IT "WOULD NOT BE RIGHT" FOR A (PROVISIONAL) GOVERNMENT TO DETERMINE A FOREIGN POLICY IN DETAIL, REACH OFFICIAL DECISIONS AND IMPLEMENT THEM EXCEPT FOR "UNUSUAL" CIRCUMSTANCES AND THAT HE INFORMED WALDHEIM OF THIS SITUATION.

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"I TOLD HIM THAT WE WILL DETERMINE IN DETAIL THE
ATTITUDE OF THE GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE CYPRUS PROBLEM

AND THE RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE IMMEDIATELY
AFTER WE GET A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE, BUT THAT FOR NOW,
WE CAN EXPLAIN THE POLICY WE WILL FOLLOW IN THESE
MATTERS ALONG GENERAL LINES ONLY, THAT I OBSERVED THAT
WE WILL FACE NO DIFFICULTY IN SHAPING A COHERENT
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GOVERNMENT POLICY ON THESE ISSUES, AFTER MY INITIAL
MEETINGS WITH MY GOVERNMENT," ECEVIT STATED.

ECEVIT STATED THAT WALDHEIM OBSERVES BENEFITS IN THE
RECOMMENCEMENT OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN CYPRUS
WITHOUT LOSS OF TIME BUT "AS LONG AS THEY ARE GOING TO
LEAD TO A SOLUTION, OR LEAD TO STEPS THAT WILL BRING
ABOUT A SOLUTION". HE SAID THEY ALSO AGREED WITH
WALDHEIM THAT THE CYPRUS TALKS SHOULD BEGIN "TO LEAD
TO A RESULT, IN A MEANINGFUL WAY, WITHOUT LOSS OF TIME."
ECEVIT SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS READY TO ASSIST
WALDHEIM IN HIS EFFORTS TO REALISE THE TALKS AND THE
"CONCRETE MODE" OF THAT AID COULD BE DETERMINED AFTER
THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.

"WE HAVE ALWAYS MAINTAINED THAT INTERFERENCE BY OTHER
STATES TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM OR THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN
TURKEY AND GREECE IS NOT RIGHT, WILL NOT BE RIGHT,
AND WILL NOT LEAD TO ANY OTHER RESULT THAN MAKING THOSE
PROBLEMS MORE DIFFICULT. BUT MR. WALDHEIM'S POSITION
IS SPECIAL, HE DOES NOT ACT IN THE NAME OF A STATE BUT
IN THE NAME OF THE UN, WE ACCEPT THAT GRATEFULLY," HE
WENT ON.

"I TOLD MR. WALDHEIM THAT TURKEY AND GREECE, TURKISH
AND GREEK CYPRIOTS CAN FIND THE WAYS OF SOLVING THE
MATTERS BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND THAT IN THE NEAR PAST
TURKEY AND GREECE HAVE PROVED HOW SUCCESSFULLY THEY
CAN SETTLE THE MATTERS BETWEEN THEMSELVES WHEN
THEY TAKE UP THE QUESTIONS BY THEMSELVES; CITING
SOME EXAMPLES," ECEVIT ADDED.

ECEVIT SAID HE INFORMED WALDHEIM THAT WHEN THE GOVERNMENT
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GETS A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE, DETERMINES ITS POLICY TOWARD
CYPRUS, IT WILL NOT ONLY ASSIST EFFORTS TO RECOMMENCE
THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS BUT WILL ALSO "HELP AND SUPPORT
THE ETHNIC TURKISH COMMUNITY IN TAKING PRIORITY FOR

MAKING CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS IN CERTAIN SUBJECTS."

ECEVIT SAID THE FINAL STATUS AND THE FINAL SOLUTION OF CYPRUS WILL BE DETERMINED AMONG THE TWO ETHNIC COMMUNITIES IN THE ISLAND "SINCE CYPRUS IS AN INDEPENDENT STATE AND THE QUESTION IS GIVING A NEW STATUS TO THAT INDEPENDENT STATE WHICH IS BEFORE ALL AND ABOVE ALL THE RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES."

"BUT IT MUST BE REALISTICALLY ADMITTED THAT THE TWO COMMUNITIES MUST BE ABLE TO FIND TURKEY AND GREECE BESIDE THEM TO CONTRIBUTE TO A SOLUTION," ECEVIT SAID. HE ADDED THAT REFUSAL TO TAKE SUCH A STANCE ON THE PART OF TURKEY OR GREECE, WILL BE "ESCAPING RESPONSIBILITY."

"WE, AS TURKEY, WILL NEVER ESCAPE SUCH RESPONSIBILITY. WE WILL, AS WE RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF BOTH COMMUNITIES, HELP IN EVERY WAY WE CAN FOR THEM TO REACH AN AGREEMENT AT ONCE BETWEEN THEMSELVES," ECEVIT SAID.

ECEVIT SUMMARISED THE GOVERNMENT VIEW TOWARD A SOLUTION IN CYPRUS "MUST GUARANTEE THAT THE TWO ETHNIC COMMUNITIES CAN LIVE SIDE BY SIDE IN FREEDOM AND SECURITY, IN PEACE AND COMFORT, CONTINUE THEIR DEVELOPMENT, MUST BE SUITABLE FOR THE INTERESTS OF TURKEY AND GREECE AND MUST CONFORM TO THE NEEDS OF REGIONAL AND GLOBAL PEACE."

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"THE SOLUTION TO BE FOUND MUST BE CONTINUOUS, LASTING
AND MUST NOT REVIVE THE CONFLICTS AND FRICTION OF THE
PAST, ON THE CONTRARY IT MUST SECURE THAT THEY WILL NOT
OCCUR AGAIN," ECEVIT SAID.

THE PM SAID THAT IN THE 1974 GENEVA AGREEMENT SIGNED
IN JULY, AFTER THE FIRST SEPARATION IN CYPRUS, IT WAS
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CONCEDED BY GREECE, GREEK CYPRIOTS AND THE UNITED
KINGDOM THAT TWO SEPARATE COMMUNITIES AND
ADMINISTRATIONS EXIST ON THE ISLAND, BY INCLUDING IT
IN AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT.

"THIS FACT INCLUDED IN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS SEEMS
TO BE FORGOTTEN IN SOME CASES. WE EMPHASIZED THAT THE
EXISTENCE OF TWO SEPARATE, AUTONOMOUS ADMINISTRATIONS
IN CYPRUS MUST BE ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED AS A STARTING
POINT, IN EVERY SUBJECT. "EVENTUALLY, MORE IMPORTANT THAN
ALL, FINAL SOLUTION TO CYPRUS MUST CONFORM TO THIS POINT,"
ECEVIT SAID, AND WENT ON "SINCE THE 1974 CYPRUS PEACE
OPERATIONS, THIS HAS APPEARED AS THE ONLY VIABLE
SOLUTION".

"WE OBSERVE WITH PLEASURE THAT ALL STATES CONCERNED
AND ALL PARTIES TO THE PROBLEM ARE UNANIMOUS THAT NO
OTHER SOLUTION CAN BE CONCEIVED FOR CYPRUS EXCEPT A
BI-ZONAL, BI-COMMUNAL, INDEPENDENT AND NON-ALLIGNED
FEDERAL STATE," ECEVIT SAID.

"THE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS FACT IS VERY SIGNIFICANT. IT
MEANS THAT THE SIDES AGREE ON THE GOAL. WHEN THAT IS
PROVIDED, THE METHODS INSTRUMENTS TO REACH THE GOAL
CAN EASILY BE AGREED UPON. THEREFORE, WE HOPE THAT A
VIABLE, LASTING AND SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THE
CYPRUS QUESTION CAN BE FOUND IN A SHORT TIME WHEN THE

NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN AGAIN IN A CONSTRUCTIVE UNDERSTANDING.
WE EXPRESSED THAT HOPE TO MR. WALDHEIM," ECEVIT CONCLUDED.

ANSWERING QUESTIONS FROM JOURNALISTS, ECEVIT SAID
"REGARDING CONTEXT" AEGEAN PROBLEMS AND THE CYPRUS
ISSUE ARE DIFFERENT FROM EACH OTHER BUT BOTH CONCERN
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TURKEY AND GREECE CLOSELY. "SINCE THEIR CONTEXT IS
DIFFERENT, THEY CANNOT BE TAKEN UP AS A PACKAGE DEAL
BUT THERE IS GREAT BENEFIT IN TAKING UP BOTH SEPARATE-
LY SIMULTANEOUSLY AND CONDUCTING THEM PARALLEL-
LY BECAUSE THE DISTANCE TO BE COVERED IN ONE, CAN
HELP PROGRESS IN THE OTHER," ECEVIT SAID.

TO A QUESTION CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF A TURKISH
-GREEK SUMMIT MEETING, ECEVIT ANSWERED "I ALWAYS
BELIEVE IN DIALOGUE BUT I DO NOT DEEM IT RIGHT TO
SPEAK ABOUT THE DETAILS OF SUCH MATTERS BEFORE THE
GOVERNMENT GETS A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE."

ABOUT THE STATEMENT OF GREEK CYPRIOT LEADER SPIROS
KYPRIANOU REJECTING PARTICIPATION OF GREECE AND
TURKEY IN THE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS ECEVIT COMMENTED
ANSWERING A QUESTION THAT "THE WHOLE WORLD AGREES
THAT TURKEY AND GREECE ARE CLOSELY CONCERNED WITH THE
CYPRUS PROBLEMS."

"THAT IS REQUISITE OF REALISM. BESIDES, THE TWO
STATES ARE GUARANTORS OF CYPRUS. THEREFORE, A CLOSE
INTEREST OF TURKEY AND GREECE IN THE CYPRUS ISSUE
BOTH IN REGARD TO REALITIES AND INTERNATIONAL AGREE-
MENTS, IS NECESSARY AND INEVITABLE," ECEVIT SAID.

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